

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably devoted their lives and careers to bettering the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods by supporting the financial foundations so necessary for economic improvement; and

Whereas, Walter A. Holt has attained distinction as the Senior Vice President of First Bank of Missouri, Flintlock Road Branch, in Liberty, Missouri; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, Walter Holt will garner additional, well-deserved accolades as the recipient of the Small Business Advocate of the Year award from the Clay/Platte Development Corporation; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Liberty, Walter Holt has been a commercial lender for the past twenty-one years; and

Whereas, since 1998 Walter Holt has focused his attention on the Northland where he helped open two Liberty area branches of Guaranty Bank & Trust, now known as First Bank of Missouri; and

Whereas, thanks in large measure to the diligence and perseverance of Walter Holt, Guaranty Bank & Trust left behind its legacy as a practically unknown entity and became one of the regions leading commercial banking establishments; and

Whereas, Walter Holt has had a highly positive impact on small businesses in the Northland by his diligent efforts to secure funding for working capital, equipment, and real estate through standard bank financing and through the creative use of such Small Business Administration loan programs as Low Doc, 7a, and 504 which help entrepreneurs who might not otherwise have received assistance:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Walter Holt for the 2003 Small Business Advocate of the Year award from the Clay/Platte Development Corporation and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his work in promoting commerce and the growth of small business in the Northland; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Walter A. Holt, as an expression of our congratulations and best wishes.

Offered by _____
Representative Annie Reinhart
District No. 34

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2461, adopted May 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker